Lovely Strange Dark

ULTRABAROQUE DEPROGRAMMER

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CHAPTER 28

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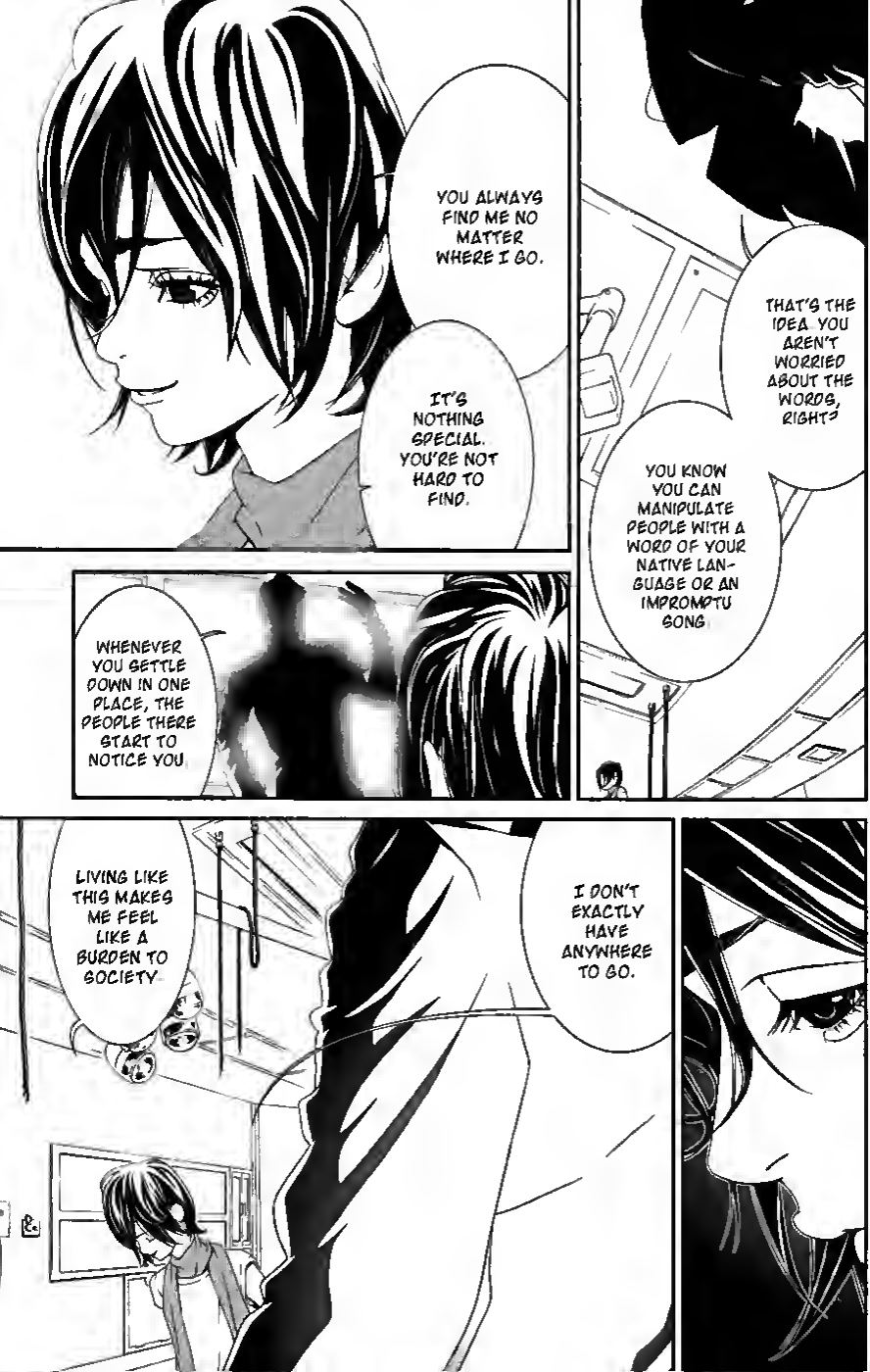
Nothing.
There's nothing here.

CHAPTER 28 OFF THE TRACK TO HARDCORE 2

Nobiru disappeared before we could conquer even an inch
of the whiteout desert of his mind-scape.
ARE YOU
GOING TO TAKE ME SOMEWHERE AGAIN?


YOU ALWAYS FIND ME NO MATTER WHERE I GO.
IT'S NOTHING SPECIAL. YOU'RE NOT HARD TO FIND.
THAT'S THE IDEA. YOU AREN'T WORRIED ABOUT THE WORDS, RIGHT?
YOU KNOW YOU CAN MANIPULATE PEOPLE WITH A WORD OF YOUR NATIVE LANGUAGE OR AN IMPROMPTU SONG.
WHENEVER YOU SETTLE DOWN IN ONE PLACE, THE PEOPLE THERE START TO NOTICE YOU.
I DON'T EXACTLY HAVE ANYWHERE TO GO.
LIVING LIKE THIS MAKES ME FEEL LIKE A BURDEN TO SOCIETY.

—WELL, I DID
WANT TO TRY TALKING TO HIM ONCE MORE.
SQUEE
THE DEPRO-GRAMMER.

THEY'RE GOING AT IT OVER THIS?
I ALMOST ENVY THEM.

DON'T YOU THINK IT'S A LITTLE HEATED FOR A TERRITORY SPAT?
ARE THEY ALL SQUATTERS??
IT LOOKS LIKE MOSTLY BORDERS AND S.B.! I HAVEN'T SEEN UGLY YET!
WAIT, ARE YOU STILL EATING!?
IT'S FOR BOTH OF US!

ANYWAY, DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT UGLY RAINBOW'S HERE?
HAVEN'T SEEN ANY YET
THIS IS OVERKILL EVEN WITHOUT THEM! IT'S BETTER NOT TO PICK A FIGHT WHEN YOU'RE AT A DISADVANTAGE!
GET IT!?
BLAM
STANLEY!
...!
THAT'S—

I'LL GUIDE YOU OUT OF THERE.
THAT WAR ZONE IS FOR AGES 18 AND UP.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
UZZZ
HUH? IS THAT YOU, STANLEY!?
THAT GUY CASUALLY STUFFING HIS FACE BEHIND YOU, IS HE WITH YOU?
YEAH HE'S OVER 18, BUT HE'S NOT MUCH OF A FIGHTER
! SORACHAI, BEHIND YOU ——
HEY, ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ME? WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT ME AND FIGHTING?

UM...
WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT YOU A LOT, BOSS.
I FINALLY RECOVERED FROM THE WHOLE
"I'M A BALLERINA" THING.
YOU'RE... BAN, RIGHT...?
WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU.

A BIG GUY LIKE HIM DOING BALLET
WHAT'S GOING ON THERE?
BUT HE GOT BEAT UP. TOOK A HIT TO THE HEAD SO HARD HE WOUND UP IN THE HOSPITAL
WHAT'S GOING ON?
HUH—?
HE SAID BAN'S HERE BAN WAS RAMBLING ON AND ON
ABOUT HOW HE'S A BALLERINA AND PLAYED PRO SOCCER
NONE OF IT MADE ANY SENSE
I MEAN, IT'S RIDICULOUS
Remember?
Everyone was talking about how he'd lost his mind.

WH... WHAT IS THIS!?
twirl
WHAT'S THAT DANCE? SOME TOKYO FOLK DANCE??
ONLY FEELS LIKE SWAN LAKE TO THEM.

I'VE GOT HIM COMPLETELY RE-WASHED—
BUT FOR REAL, THIS GUY IS EASY TO HYPNOTIZE
AS FOR THE OTHER TWO—
DOESN'T LOOK LIKE I CAN TAKE 'EM OUT QUICK
WAIT, A LIFT!? NO NO NO NO!
JUMP☆
Calavera
CALAVERA!

..CALAVERA?

YANK
THUD
GAH!
院務

HEY, HELP ME OUT HERE!
JUST IGNORE HIM.
HEY DAN, SNAP OUT OF IT!
I DUNNO IF YOU'RE TRYING TO PLAY PUPPET MASTER OR WHAT.
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN FIGHT THOSE GUYS!
Dammit Calavera, I know you're there!
SAVES US THE EFFORT. LET HIM DANCE TILL HE CROAKS.
FIRST WE'RE GONNA MAKE SURE YOU CAN'T TALK.
BUT WE WON'T FALL FOR THE SAME TRICK TWICE.
...ARE YOU SERIOUSLY
NOT HERE?
RIP 'EM APART LIKE BEFORE!
CALAVERA!
DII!
Calavera!
UH— LOOK, I'M SORRY—
CRACK
HE'S GOING TO HYPNOTIZE YOU AND HAVE YOU GOING IN CIRCLES!
JUST YOU WAIT!

EXPECTATIONS NOT MET~
...HUH...?
GUH
HEY, ISN'T THAT BAN?
HEY, THOSE GUYS ARE OURS! S.B.!
LET ME SEE HIS FACE.
WHAT, YOU GUYS BROUGHT BAN HERE?
THEY NEWBIES?

BA
BAN, WHAT'RE YOU DANCING AROUND FOR?
CHAK
CRAP, HIS EYES ARE ALL WEIRD!
IT IS BAN!
...! HEY!

They're brain-washed to be soldiers?
AH!
S.B. BROUGHT A GUN!
THEY'RE SHOOT-ING!
There's not a shred of humanity left in them.
MAKE SURE THE DEPRO-GRAMMER CAN'T WALK AND MUZZLE HIM
I KNOW, I ALREADY SMASHED UP HIS ARMS AND LEGS
NO, THEY'RE NOT WITH US!
LIKE I BELIEVE THAT! YOU'LL DO ANYTHING, WON'T YOU!?
NOW YOU'RE KILLERS!
HE'S STILL BREATH-ING!
HURTS, DOESN'T IT?
HUH?

STOMP
STOMP
GAH!
DON'T STEP ON ME!
CRAP, I LEFT SORA!
OR WAIT, DID HE LEAVE ME?
If Calavera's gone,
won't I be risking my life if I have to deprogram anyone?
...!
BANG
BANG
BANG

IF YOU KEEP SCREWING AROUND, I'LL RIP OUT YOUR TONGUE.